

COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

October 3, 2016
MEETING NOTES

Present: Paul Lofgren, Chris Richardson, Felecia Wilson, Jeff Bourne [Rec], Ron Maxson [CUPF], John Nissel [Parks],

Absent: Morton Davis, Wesley Japp, Renee Katz, Dave Magill, Vernard McBeth, Mark Pharaoh, Ingrid Pufahl, Gabe Alborno [Rec], Julie Allbrooks [Parks], Cynthia Bangali [MCPS], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], Susan Hartung [Commission on Disabilities], Mike Riley [Parks], Robin Riley [Rec]

Chris Richardson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

There being no quorum, no business was conducted. The Board decided to move the PROS presentation to the November 7 meeting.

Rec Update – Jeff Bourne

- October 22 is the opening of the Nancy H. Dacek No. Potomac Community Recreation Center
- October 29 is the opening of the Ross Boddy Neighborhood Recreation Center
- Poolesville wants a larger rink and has agreed to cover the cost differential for the additional square footage.
- Basketball registration is open
- We are filling vacancies in staff
- Clarksburg survey is completed.
- Wheaton Community Recreation Center – with the closing of Hermitage Avenue, there have been some concerns raised in the community. We may need support letters from the Board.
- With the closing of the Marriott Conference Center parking lot for construction of a garage, parking at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center in Wall Park is likely to be impacted by commuters for about 1-1/2 years. Solutions under consideration include Park Police patrols, Recreation stickers on cars for patrons, extra signage, a fee to park, etc. Gabe will determine if we need support from the Board with the Council.
- A letter went to the County Executive suggesting the possibility of converting some underutilized tennis courts to futsal.

Parks Update – John Nissel

- Ellsworth Dog Park is open.
- Silver Spring Library re-use will not include Parks or Recreation. It will be solely Department of General Services.
- Parks' mobile climbing wall was shut down at Burtonsville Days by the Department of Permitting Services. Climbing walls are considered an amusement ride and require state inspection.
- Parks has hired a new Parks Activation Coordinator.
- Parks and Recreation are working on the Summer Camp Guide
- They have finished the Ballfield Study. Field conditions were evaluated in the report.

- Parks received \$500,000 from a Community Use of Public Facilities surplus. The money will be used to focus on upgrading fields.
- A general discussion took place with Paul regarding field conditions.

Local Board Reports

- Eastern County, Mark Pharaoh – absent
- Mid County, Paul Lofgren – no report
- Upper County, Vernard McBeth – absent

Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Ron Maxson – no report
- Commission on Aging – [VACANT]
- MCPS, Cynthia Bangali, Office of Community Engagement & Partnerships – absent
- Commission on People with Disabilities, Susan Hartung – absent

Old/New Business – Chris Richardson

- Can the Board replace a meeting with a conference call?

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.